

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10-14-13 Approved Minutes
@ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kim Liebow, Beth Cutts, April Chase, Al Claussen, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Stephen John, Superintendent, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Brian Schmidt

Call to Order: April called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Additions and Deletions: Addition: Add Principal's Report to Consent Calendar.
Addition: VSB Dues under Bills and Purchase Orders.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Minutes for August 28, 2013
- b. Minutes for September 9, 2013
- c. Superintendent's Report
- d. Principal's Report

The consent calendar was approved unanimously.

Bills and Purchase Orders: April made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO#26 \$19,126.54, Payroll PO#27 \$7,637.44, Payroll PO #28 \$20,266.40, Payroll PO#29 \$11,669.94, Payroll PO#30 \$19,243.90, Payroll PO#31 \$7,714.79 and Vendor Warrant PO #32 \$31,144.10. Steven reported that WCSU had received a bill from the Vermont School Board Association for dues in the amount of \$840.48. The board approved the bill to be paid with next month's bills. No discussion. Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders as read.

Reports of Administration and Committees:

- a. Technology-No meeting yet. Deborah reported that Townshend Elementary School was the first school in the district to be hooked up to Sovernet Fiber Optic.
- b. RED-Steven reported that the vote was canceled. The RED is proposing a June 3rd vote. If it were formed the newly elected committee could be working on a budget, etc. The good news is we will be able to get reimbursed for our expenses up to date, i.e. our website, a mailing that went out to keep the public informed. Beth said she had heard from the public that they didn't realize that it wasn't just a study that was being done.

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Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. Parking around the school report: April and Deborah attended the Townshend Selectboard meeting to discuss the parking around the school report. David Dezendorf said they have already done a study regarding this issue and it would not be of benefit because it would be only about a space and half difference in parking. April will check to see what the state regulations are relating to parking around the school and will ask for this to be put on the agenda again for the next selectboard meeting. Deborah told the board that the no parking bus zone is no longer needed.

New Business:

- a. Preliminary budget discussions-The auditors sent a letter to April asking for a financial report by October 15th. April responded to them and told them it won't be happening at this time. Frank followed up by saying they don't have all the information available. Steven reported the child count provides IDEA-B Special Education money; he said we have just as many special education students as last year. Stephen also reported that there are some real complex issues with special education in Pre-K and EEE. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the above. April asked Deborah about the collaborative in the 1-2 classrooms, she said she had received no complaints and the students love it. April asked Deborah to bring a budget to the board close to the budget for last year and they will tweak it from there. Stephen presented a report to the board concerning an audit (Tri-Annual IEP Review) that Abby Dillon and her staff received a 99.2% compliance rate. Stephen sent this report to all the board members in this district.
- b. Continuation with RED Study Committee: April asked the board how they felt about still participating in the RED Study Committee? The feeling amongst the board members was that there didn't seem to be a reason for the RED. It was felt that more concrete opportunities, cost and benefits in savings were needed. There was a suggestion that Townshend and Jamaica get together and see if they would be interested in some sort of collaboration. April will contact the Jamaica board members to see what their feeling would be.

Correspondence: April received the water flow report from Grace Cottage Hospital. The report was okay, but there was one day when it was high and it was discovered that it was when Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day was happening.

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Upcoming Meetings:

- a. WCSU Executive Committee meeting October 30, 2013 at 7 pm at L&G
- b. RED Committee meeting November 6, 2013 at 7 pm at L&G

NOTE; For the month of November the TSB meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13th @ 7 pm at TES.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Kim made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder